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Professor's Corner: One-on-One with Dr. Leah Toth

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During Dr. Hardy's sabbatical, Dr. Leah Toth from Lexington, Kentucky is filling in for her. She just recently finished her Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, and is really excited to be here at Hampden-Sydney College for the next two years. I sat down with Dr. Toth, and asked her a few questions to get to know her better.

DREW DICKERSON: How would you describe your Hampden-Sydney College experience so far?

DR. TOTH: So far my initial impressions have been great! My students are very thoughtful, and friendly. It's very chill, and pastoral. The campus is very laid-back, and kind of ideal actually.

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Dr. Toth chats with Drew. (Photo Credit: Connor Smith)

Major Project Progress Continues on Schedule

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Hampden-Sydney students and visitors alike have been impressed by two construction projects occurring just across the street from one another. The construction of the Brown Student Center and the renovation of Winston Hall, which will be rechristened Brinkley Hall after its completion, both draw significant interest.

The Brown and Winston projects

are both progressing more or less as was expected when they began during the spring of 2016. Glenn Culley, the College's Vice President for Business Affairs and Finance, says that Winston will be completed by February or March of 2017, while Brown will be finished about a month later. Neither building will be open until the fall of 2017, but the school is attempting to work out a solution for graduating seniors to see the interior of Brown before it officially opens. Further, both projects are within their

budgets of \$4.7 million and \$11 million, respectively. The estimated time of completion has shocked a few students who were told to expect a June or July 2017 completion date. The buildings seem to have shot up almost overnight. Dalton Hall '19 says, "I'm very surprised by how quickly [the student center] is going up."

Winston Hall has been used in numerous capacities during its existence, serving as a library, a cafeteria, and an academic building at various times. After the changes currently

being made, Brinkley will return to its role as an academic building with an emphasis on fine arts classes and professors' offices. Culley emphasizes an historic moment that is occurring during this renovation, stating, "The College is working with the Virginia Department of Historic Resources to utilize State historic tax credits for the Brinkley Hall historic rehabilitation project." This is important because the College has never pursued these tax credits before, so "it's been a learning process" for Culley

and others involved. The irony of the renovation is that John Brinkley, for whom the renovated building will be named, was a Classics professor opposed to the inclusion of fine arts as a core requirement, which he saw as too close to vocational training for his liberal arts tendencies.

Brown will be a unique building on this campus, one that will have been built for a specific purpose and (hopefully) used that way for decades to come. The building will house the Office of Student Affairs, the depart-

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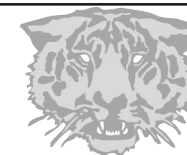
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"I just don't get it, what exactly is a comma splice?"

Andrew Marshall

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EDITORIALS

The Not-So-New Rules, and Why We Should All Try to Relax

Wes Kuegler '18
Guest Contributor

As this semester has begun, rumors have swirled surrounding the recent changes to the Residence Life Program, the Resident Advisor (RA) Program, and the College's policies on alcohol and illegal substances. These changes, however, are not nearly as scary as some might believe. In an effort to banish once and for all any ambiguity, let's explore what's changed, what's the same, and how alarmed the student body should—or should not—be.

Starting this semester, "duty hours" are being required of all RAs. There are now RA offices in three of the four quadrants of campus—currently, Venable, Cushing, and Carp Y, with one coming soon to an Alphabet near you—and designated hours during which there must be RAs in those offices. Further, there has been an overhaul on residence hall walkthroughs—perhaps the one change that has got the student body most worried. As the former system only required freshmen RAs to patrol the freshman dorms twice nightly on the weekends, RAs across campus are now required to make three separate rounds through each dorm, Sunday through Thursday. Despite good intentions, such a change

does feel at least a little motherly. Do Hampden-Sydney students really need someone to check up on them three times a night? Probably not.*

Now let's address the elephant in the room. To be sure, the College's alcohol and illegal substance policies have not changed, nor has protocol for RAs who encounter violations of these policies. When asked about RA discretion in matters of substance policy, Alex Abbott, one of the Head Resident Advisors, assured me that the policy is the same as in previous years. "Officially, there has never been any [room for] discretion. RAs have always been supposed to write incident reports for underage drinking or illegal substances. That's unchanged."

If the alcohol and illegal substance policies are just business as usual, then why do so many students have the impression that the Office of Student Affairs is attempting to create the Fourth Reich? The answer probably lies in the RAs themselves. It seems—at least to many students—that the Resident Advisor program has this year seen an influx of new RAs who may be somewhat misguided, with no ability to view events through any lens other than one of a black-and-white morality. I would encourage those RAs to keep one thing in mind: you are not the police. The role of an RA is not to land his brothers in trouble. It is, rather, to keep everyone on this campus safe.

Abbott tends to agree, saying, "If guys are being responsible, not blatantly breaking the rules, then they have nothing to be afraid of. The goal of the new system is not to get everyone in trouble. We have to do our job, and we have to be committed to our job."

Changes have been made to the freshman programming as well. In lieu of the greatly-disliked "Good Men Plan," freshmen are facing non-mandatory events focused around "the first-year experience." Programs are also in the works for upperclassmen, though they too will be voluntary, and they will be developed by RAs individually for their residents. The Residence Life program faces the

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Rebuttal and Clarifications: A Resident Advisor's Perspective

Andrew Marshall '17
Opinion Editor

One of the joys of being an Editor of this publication is having the opportunity to posit immediate responses to our staff members well before ink touches paper—perhaps it's simply the Hellenist inside of me, but I just love a good dialogue. I appreciate Mr. Kuegler's penning the above article, I thank him for his pre-

senting accurately both the Residence Life Program's logistic reimagining as well as the fact that our policies have remained entirely unchanged, and I fully respect his right to voice his opinion on any aspect of how our Program operates. However, I feel that some further clarifications are still needed if our student body is exactly to understand the reasoning behind all the changes—walkthroughs, offices, blue shirts, programs alike.

We, the Resident Advisors, thank Mr. Kuegler for his kindly reminding us that we are not the police. However, we are already fully aware of

this, and I can guarantee that there is not a single one among our staff who views his role on this campus as anything like that of a police officer. As employees of Hampden-Sydney we do have a professional obligation to the College to uphold the rules and regulations (which include abiding by state and federal laws) pertaining to Housing and Residence Life as outlined in The Key, and due to some state and federally mandated laws, we also have a legal obligation to report certain things to higher authorities. But by no means do we ever seek to "land our brothers in trouble," as Mr.

Kuegler has suggested that some RAs do. He claims that the RA's job is, instead, "to keep everyone on this campus safe." I would argue that this is actually, more or less, the job description of our Campus Police Officers.

Perhaps a Resident Advisor could offer to the student body his own definition(s) of the role of a Resident Advisor: mentor, counselor, confidant, peace-keeper, caretaker. We strive to ensure that all 1,100 students on this campus feel equally comfortable, equally welcome, and equally healthy—physically, academically, socially, mentally, and spiritu-

ally—and that our handsome old residence halls are in tip-top shape or, at least, not deteriorating. Never do we view ourselves as enforcers.

Believe it or not, we uphold the College's drug and alcohol policies not because we want to see our brothers arrested or banished from this campus, but because we want them to stay here. We want to ensure that those who are struggling with addiction are being identified and are getting help in order that they may one day graduate from this place and lead a happy life thereafter. When every

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Does Your Student Business Need Exposure?

*Logan Leathers '17
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Hey guys! I'm writing today to let you in on an exciting new opportunity to take your business to the next level.

H-SC is known for its entrepreneurial spirit, as manifested by the multitude of breweries, clothing brands, and financial firms started by Tiger alums. Two of the more notable brands that are ever-present on our campus are Blue Mountain Brewery and Collared Greens Clothing—both excellent companies and both born of H-SC alumni. It's only natural that this free market enterprise spirit runs through the current student body.

I know that many of you run your own small clothing business or lifestyle brand. Currently, the bookstore helps you get your product to

market. But what if I were to tell you that there is another way to expose your brand to roughly 1,100 people every two weeks? You probably can guess where I'm going with this, so I'll go ahead and say it. The *Tiger* newspaper will print an advertisement for you and your company for a nominal fee and even at a discounted rate for multi-run ads. That's right—we will advertise for you! All we need is a little capital and a .jpeg and your business, brand visibility, and general reach will grow overnight.

Need to show a new product? Take out an ad. Want to launch a new brand? Buy ad space. Trying to post a portrait of yourself for no other reason than that it's funny? Buy a full page. My editor may pump the brakes, but I won't. If you have any questions shoot me an email at leathersl17@hsc.edu and we'll work out the details, or just stop me on the street.

The Difference Between Tiger Dollars and Meal Plan Dollars

*David Bushhouse '19
News Editor*

As more and more local businesses start accepting Tiger Dollars, we think it important to clarify the difference between Tiger Dollars and Meal Plan Dollars (MPDs), so I spoke with Mike Smith, the College Controller, and he explained the differences to me.

MPDs come automatically loaded on your Student ID each semester, with a different balance depending on your meal plan. These MPDs can only be used in the Tiger Inn or at the campus coffee shops in Graham Hall and Bortz Library. Tiger Dollars have to be loaded onto your account by you or a family member, from either a credit on your account or a debit/credit card. If you or a family member has not loaded Tiger Dollars onto your account, you have \$0.00 Tiger Dollars.

They may be more of a hassle, but Tiger Dollars can be used in the TI, the campus coffee shops, the Cam-

pus Store, some vending machines on campus, the Fishin' Pig, Granny B's, and Worsham Grocery simply by using your Student ID at checkout. Don't try to buy alcohol with your Tiger Dollars, though, because the system prevents the purchase of alcoholic beverages except for at the Tiger Inn.

If you pay in the Tiger Inn or at a campus coffee shop using your Student ID, the register will automatically subtract the cost from your MPD balance. If that balance is overdrawn, then the register will subtract the remaining cost from your Tiger Dollar balance.

So you're thinking: Why use Tiger Dollars if the system limits your choices of where you can shop and what you can buy? Besides the thrilling feeling of buying things using a heavily worn card with your high school prom photo on it, Tiger Dollars provide a convenient option with which to buy the necessities toward the end of the month, when the bank account is looking a little slim. But if that isn't convincing enough, you could always try...dollars.

Tiger Dollars Meal Plan Dollars

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2016 VP Debate Primer

*Quinn Sipes '19
Staff Writer*

On Tuesday, October 4, Longwood University will be hosting the one and only 2016 Vice Presidential debate. This debate is a weeklong event much like the Democratic and Republican National Convention and there will be rallies each night until the debate at 9:00 pm on Tuesday. With that being said, the downtown Farmville area should be a nightmare to travel through the week before the debate, the week during the debate, and the week after the debate. Media will be everywhere, and a five-minute drive into Farmville will more than likely take

longer. Please plan accordingly if you have to go into downtown Farmville.

Hampden-Sydney College may also see an influx of people due to our close proximity to Longwood University. If you commute to campus, you may want to leave earlier to get to work or classes on time, or take the back roads instead of going down route 15. The Vice Presidential debate will also increase the political tension on campus as well as in Farmville. Please remember that we are all brothers and to be cordial to those whose views differ from yours.

Tickets to the debate cannot be purchased. For the most part, the tickets were given out to the media. The extra tickets that Longwood had were given to students and alumni of Longwood. If you do happen to get your hands on a ticket, consider

yourself lucky. The rest of us will be watching the debate on television which will be broadcasted live at 9:00 pm Tuesday, October 4 on MSNBC, C-SPAN, NBC, ABC, CBS, CNN and Fox News. The moderator for the debate at Longwood will be Elaine Quijano, an anchor for CBS News.

The debate will be between Democratic Vice Presidential Candidate and Senator of Virginia, Tim Kaine, and Republican Vice Presidential Candidate and Governor of Indiana Michael Pence. Gary Johnson's running mate, former Governor of Massachusetts William Weld, will not be present at the debate at Longwood. Only the Democratic and Republican Vice Presidential Candidates will be present (sorry Libertarians.) If you would like more information on the

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Stranger Things Season 1

★★★★☆

This summer, *Stranger Things* turned the Netflix audience upside down after its mid-July release. Always in search of the next award-winning series, I decided to give this one a shot after viewing the trailer prior to its release. The premise of the show seemed promising enough, and with the rise in popularity of web

television series being released as full seasons for the instant gratification of viewers, I knew it was only a matter of time before Netflix dropped the next big hit.

The show follows a group of young boys in search of the truth behind the disappearance of one of their friends. The plot develops at a steady pace as the boys make several startling discoveries while the mother of the missing child teams up with a sympathetic local police chief in the hopes of finding her lost son. The apparently simple dilemma of the

missing child escalates gradually into a bonanza of hometown vigilantes uncovering more and more clues that ultimately lead them to a suspicious federal energy plant nearby. I will stop myself here, so as not to give any more of the plot away.

Stranger Things is a well-orchestrated piece of American entertainment designed—by some pretty bright writers and producers—effectively to tap into the interests of a huge target audience ranging from adolescents to middle-aged adults. One thing that makes the show so

unique is that it lacks the excessive violence and adult material that are so common in programs that one might find on HBO and other premium networks, yet it remains a high-quality series. As a result, viewers of all ages can enjoy an immensely entertaining plot of the highest standard.

With a few very intriguing episodes early in the sequence, audiences are introduced to the cast of likeable (imagine that!), comic, and complex characters in the setting of 1980's suburban Indiana. The show is heavily influenced by the pop culture of

the 1980's, as well as by the popular cinematic and literary works of storytellers such as Steven Spielberg and Stephen King, adding a touch of nostalgia for many. The acting is strong throughout, with an ensemble of up-and-coming actors who are sure to be offered lead film and television roles in the near future. *Stranger Things* is definitely worth the watch, and with a second season already in the works, Netflix may have just added another major American series to its lineup.

—Luke Paris '17



Home of the Strange Young the Giant

★★★★☆

Alt-rock band Young the Giant recently released their third studio album *Home of the Strange*, and it bumps.

Lyrically, the record has a clear, sometimes pointed message, focusing primarily on identity in modern-day America. Sonically, the album is equally sharp, as the southern California quintet has evolved from its modest indie origins into a more polished sound, bursting with head-bobbing beats and eclectic synths.

It all starts with lead singer Sameer Gadhia, a vocal powerhouse whose Indian-American roots seep into both his voice and lyrics. The front man holds nothing back on this record, showcasing his dynamic range with roaring highs and soothing lows. The melting pot of musicians accompanying Gadhia reveal their own impressive range throughout the record, as well, and their ability to keep up with a talent like Gadhia is what makes *Home of the Strange* such a great listen from start to finish.

The album opens with “Amerika,” an upbeat minor key groove that does its job of setting the tone for the remaining 10 tracks. The opening ambient noises, Gadhia’s echoing voice, and the consistent beat are all sounds we become familiar with by the album’s end. Lyrically, “Amerika” is essentially what the album is all about. All five band members are either im-

migrants or first-generation Americans from all different parts of the world. In “Amerika,” we are given an outsider’s perspective on the ‘American Dream’ through the lens of a manipulative, unattainable love affair.

“Something to Believe In,” stands out from the rest of the album as the only song that gets radio play, and for good reason. It channels its inner Black Keys and Arctic Monkeys with its too-cool-for-school verses that build towards a captivating (and undeniably catchy) chorus. Things mellow out with the groovy “Elsewhere,” before picking back up with “Mr. Know-It-All,” a catchy, upbeat tune that simultaneously rips millennials to shreds.

Things veer back into Black Keys/Arctic Monkey territory with “Jungle Youth,” until the calming sounds of rain at the end establish a more tranquil mood carried on by “Titus Was Born” and “Repeat.” Then you have “Silvertongue,” which features one of the most eargasmic choruses in alternative rock history. The album concludes with its namesake, hammering home the image of finding your own identity in a place determined to define it for you.

Home of the Strange is one of those albums that you can listen to from start to finish. If you haven’t checked this, or any of Young the Giant’s previous work, out, I highly recommend it. You can also see them live this upcoming week at the 9:30 Club in DC September 12-14.

—Max Dash '18

Photo Credit: youngthegiant.com

Construction Continued

ment of Career Education and Vocational Reflection, the Center for Entrepreneurship and Political Economy, the Post Office, and the Tiger Inn. It will also feature multiple rooms for student activities and an Honor Courtroom for the exclusive use of the Student Court. According to Dr. David Klein, Dean of Students, the building will be outfitted with card scanning technology so that students can access the building after hours and a “living room” space for students to hang out and relax between classes or at the end of a long day.

Klein recognizes that the Brown Student Center reflects a significant addition to campus, calling it the “jewel in the crown” of a group of buildings including Settle Hall, Bortz Library, and the renovated Brinkley Hall. He also notes that “we’re going to have to learn how to use” the space properly, but emphasizes that the building should

be seen as an important addition.

All these changes have left some students wondering what will come of Blake A, currently the home of the Office of Student Affairs, and the spaces occupied by the Tiger Inn and the Post Office, both of which will be moving into Brown. According to Klein, Blake A will become a residence hall, although the exact design is still unclear. Culley says that the plans for the T.I. and post office spaces are even more muddled, noting that “a committee, chaired by Provost Stevens, will make the final decisions (with campus input) on space utilization.”

The renovations perform two roles in campus life. The first is to make students feel more at home and to help them feel more comfortable in their home away from home. The second is important from a big-picture standpoint: Klein says that these projects were intended to garner fundraising momentum for future projects, such

as a remodeling of Gilmer Hall—built in the 1950s—or the building of new dormitories. The success of these two projects, which seems to be overwhelming to this point, should lay the foundation for major construction in the future. Culley is a bit more guarded with his predictions for the future, but seems to remain optimistic about future endeavors. “The College will continue the planning process for a possible Gilmer Hall renovation/addition, but no timeline has been established,” he said via email. “During development of the Student Life Master Plan, standards for residence hall renovations will be discussed and from those discussions the possible need for additional dorm spaces.”

Regardless of future impact, excitement is high on campus for the two major projects currently underway. A prospective student touring campus earlier this year was overheard saying, “This will be ready just in time for my freshman year? Wow!” These two construction efforts are rejuvenating life on the Via Sacra side of campus.

Toth Continued

DD: What made you want to study literature?

LT: When I was an undergraduate, I was a pianist at a church, and I was already studying English because I thought I wanted to go to law school. But I was at this church and I was listening to this pastor’s sermon, and he confused T.S. Eliot and C.S. Lewis, and it really bothered me. I was thinking, ‘Why did that bother me so much?’ And I know it sounds minor, but that was really the beginning of this transition from wanting to go to law school to wanting to teach literature. I think what it did was it clarified how important literature was to me.

DD: What is your favorite novel of all time, and why?

LT: James Joyce’s *Ulysses*. It’s a celebration of the ordinary and the prosaic. I find that even in 2016, you kind of need for everyday life to be valorized.

DD: I know that a lot of professors have a specific field of interest or particular topic that interests them. Do

you have one of these? If so, what is it?

LT: Yeah, my area is modernism, so 20th century mostly. I’m really interested in intersections of sound in literature, more specifically the ways that writers write sound. How they describe listening, how they feature music, the sort of cultural influence of sound. For example, in African American authors you see music as a big part of the writing itself. My dissertation is even on sound recording technology, and the ways new methods of listening inspired different writers to write differently.

DD: If you could meet one famous writer, dead or alive, who would it be?

LT: Maybe William Faulkner. Like him I’m southern, I grew up in South Alabama, and the cultural touchstones that show up in his work, while fictional, are ones I will recognize. I’d like to have a drink with Faulkner.

DD: Are there any projects you’re currently working on? If so, could you tell us a little bit about them?

LT: Sure. I’ve been working on this paper about this movie called “The Wild One.” It’s a film in 1953 starring Marlon Brando, and he’s the leader of this motorcycle gang that invades this town. I’m working on how bebop culture influenced the charac-

terization of bikers in that film. I’m looking at in turn how the film criminalizes elements of African American culture that were present because of oppression. It’s a fun paper because I get to talk about bebop, which is one of my favorite styles of music, but also how it was made to look like something a lot more criminal than what it actually was, through this film.

Debate Continued

upcoming debate please see Longwood’s website (debate.longwood.edu). If you would like more information on all upcoming debates please go to the Commission on Presidential Debates’ website (www.debates.org).

No matter how you plan to vote in this election, please remember to stay safe and remember to act with decorum while participating in the various events around Farmville and Longwood leading up to the debate; you are not only representing yourself, but you are also representing Hampden-Sydney College and Prince Edward County. Make a good impression on the nation.

Kuegler Continued

problem, of course, of programming being one of the least favorite things of college-aged males everywhere. Abbott asks everyone not blindly to disregard it. “I would encourage people to keep an open mind—don’t just knock it because it’s ‘programming.’ Actually look at what the events are, at what’s being planned.” I must admit, however, that I remain skeptical.

Some are wondering, no doubt, as to the Office of Student Affairs’ motives behind the changes to the Residence Life program. The primary goal is to increase retention, particularly for students transitioning between fresh-

man and sophomore years, but also for all students through graduation. While the administration is undoubtedly well-intentioned, some backlash is inevitable, and even understandable, especially considering the amount of misinformation that has been circulating around campus. Overall, however, the new rules and protocols seem to be, frankly, not that big of a deal. Having more RAs on daily patrol is probably a step too far, but requiring them to hold “office hours” may be a good idea, and in all likelihood could help students better handle any residence issues they might have. Students can most likely look forward to a safer, if somewhat stricter, 2016-2017 year.

*Editor’s Note: Between this piece’s being authored and going to print, the RA staff voted in assembly to amend the system of three rounds a night to two.

Marshall Continued

RA in Whitehouse regularly turns a blind eye to a freshman walking across the quad with a case of beer in-hand, it very well could be the case that we are all ignoring an 18-year-old struggling with girlfriend issues, dismal grades, alcoholism, and depression and suicidal ideations. Or perhaps the kid might be doing fine and just wants to have fun on a Wednesday night. The truth is we’ll never know unless we address it properly.

I should also make a point to clarify our new emphasis on programming. This may connote some idea of “forced-fun” for many, but again, our aim is not to “play mommy” to a bunch of grown men. We simply want to try and get folks out of their rooms, away from the XBOX and the booze, and get them to socialize, eat some good food, maybe learn something, and have some fun, which is so hard to come by during the weeks here on the Hill. Here’s what to expect from your typical RA program: a lot of free food and, if you’re lucky, maybe a t-shirt, for two seconds-worth of your attention, at most. That’s all.

Lastly, I find fault with Mr. Kuegler’s assertion that the Residence Life Program this year has seen “an influx of new RAs who may be somewhat

misguided, with no ability to view events through any lens other than one of a black-and-white morality.” I struggle to understand what would ever have led him to make this claim about our staff-members or the inner-workings of their souls. Perhaps Mr. Kuegler possesses some divine faculties of which I am not aware and is better-versed on the matter than I, but unless this is the case, I must vehemently disagree. I think Mistery Abbott, Brown, and Kerby would all happily defend me in saying that this year’s Residence Life staff is perhaps the most politically, socially, and ideologically diverse collection of student-leaders that one may hope to find anywhere on this campus. We pride ourselves in hiring students who are introspective, unabashedly unique, and hungry to make their mark on this community. Nobody who has spent time with any number of Hampden-Sydney’s Residence Life staff, students or administrators alike, should ever get the impression that any one of us is so misguided or myopic as Mr. Kuegler has claimed our newest members to be.

At any rate, it is easy to see why some students—and one faculty member, as I understand—might make the snap-judgement that Blake A has effectively created a “police state” at Hampden-Sydney. However, my hope is that, after reading this, they might come to the understanding that what we have worked so tirelessly in the past month to create is more of a safety net than an iron maiden.



Football Drops Opener to Averett

Ryan Peevey '17
Sports Writer

The very promising 2016 season for the Hampden-Sydney Tigers football team got off to the wrong start Saturday night in Danville. This should be far from the trend, however, as the always competitive Tigers look to make another run at an ODAC Championship.

Picked second in the ODAC Preseason Coaches Poll, Hampden-Sydney returns 10 starters from last year's 6-4 team. On the offensive side, the Tigers are led by seniors Edgar Moore (Tallahassee, FL) Owen Costello (South Riding, VA), Carter Cunningham (Farmville, VA), Daniel Fogleman (Mechanicsville, VA), and Connor Kearney (Virginia Beach, VA), as well as juniors Cam Johnson (Dillwyn, VA), Patrick Kline (New Cumberland, PA), and Mike DeMasi (Virginia Beach, VA).

On the defensive side, several key returners from an ODAC leading defense return. Seniors Ryan Jones (Buckingham, VA) and Christian Wilder (Richmond, VA), and sophomores Ryan Mallory (Mechanicsville, VA), and Brian Gwaltney (Colonial Heights, VA) return to their starting roles, and will look to lead a defense that recently lost All-ODAC performer Ben Carson (Winston-Salem, NC) for the season to a knee injury.

Back on special teams is 2nd Team All-ODAC senior Jordan Chalkley (Richmond, VA), who will shoulder both kicking and punting duties for the Tigers this season.

The Tigers came out of the gates hot this past weekend in Danville. Freshman wide receiver Matt DeMasi (Virginia Beach, VA) opened

up the game by returning the opening kickoff 97 yards for a touchdown, which tied a standing school record for longest return. Later in the first quarter, quarterback Edgar Moore hit fellow senior Owen Costello across the middle for a 31-yard touchdown connection. The Tigers scored early and often and things were looking very bright in the first quarter.

Hampden-Sydney's offense would go quiet later though as Averett went on to score four unanswered touchdowns, three on the ground and one via air. The Tigers would answer by way of a 19-yard touchdown pass to Cam Johnson from sophomore quarterback Alec Cobb (Jamestown, NC), who came on for the injured Edgar Moore; however, up 28-21, the Cougars added on to their lead making the score 35-21. Cobb would connect with Carter Cunningham for a nine yard touchdown via a swing pass, putting the Tigers down one, but a late interception in Tiger territory led to the last score of the game leaving the score at 38-28, handing H-SC its first loss of the season.

Averett put up 520 total yards of offense to Hampden-Sydney's 329. Leading the way for Hampden-Sydney was Moore, who went 12 for 28 for 149 yards and a touchdown before an injury sidelined him. His replacement, Cobb, went 5 for 11 for 87 yards, two touchdowns and an interception. Costello was the leading receiver on the night with 5 catches for 102 yards and a touchdown. Johnson went for 60 yards and a touchdown via 4 catches, and Cunningham also added to the passing game with a touchdown reception. Mike DeMasi was the leading rusher on the day with 33 yards on 11 touches, adding to a good day for the DeMasi brothers.

Defensively, sophomore linebacker

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Off on the Right Foot: Cross Country Season Starts Strongly

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The 2016 NCAA DIII cross country season is here, and the Hampden-Sydney Tigers have a team that is poised to make a statement in the ODAC. Two freshmen join a team that senior Luke Paris (Richmond, VA) says "has the potential to be the best our program has seen in recent years."

Among the returning runners are co-captains Max Morgan (Newtonville, NY) and Lewis Brooks (Jefferson, GA), who are both looking to improve on very different seasons. After a breakout freshman year, Morgan's sophomore season was plagued by injury, which Paris says "set [the team] back quite a bit." In Morgan's absence, Brooks picked up much of the slack, taking over as the team's top runner last season. With Morgan back at full strength, the

Tigers now have a solid 1-2 punch to pace the team going forward.

The first meet of the season took place on September 2 at the Randolph Relay in Lynchburg, Virginia. The Tigers ran against Lynchburg College, Methodist University, and Southern Virginia University, while Randolph College hosted the meet.

H-SC finished second as a whole unit thanks to remarkable performances that saw four pairs of Tigers in the top-15. Brooks and Morgan took home first place in the individual standings, Paris and junior Cecil Tiblin (Locust Grove, VA) finished ninth, sophomore Reed Mingeone (Chesapeake, VA) and freshman John Dyke finished 10th, and sophomore Tyler Williams (Powhatan, VA) and freshman Ian Tiblin (Locust Grove, VA) finished 15th.

Next up for the Tigers is the ODAC Preview Meet on September 9 in Buena Vista, Virginia.

Upcoming Schedule

Fri. September 9
ODAC Preview Meet
Buena Vista, VA
5:00 PM

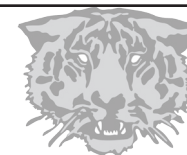
Fri. September 16
Adidas XC Challenge
Cary, NC
5:30 PM

Sat. September 24
Hornet Harrier Invit.
Winchester, VA
10:40 AM



Brooks (left) and Morgan (right) placed first in the 10 mile relay with a time of 58:49.7. (Photo Credit: hscathletics.com)

SPORTS



Deuces Wild: Soccer Returns with Back-to-Back Victories

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It is autumn, the prime time for college sports to begin again, and the 2016 soccer season began for the Hampden-Sydney Tigers as the calendar turned to September.

The Tigers are coming off of a 2015 season in which they did not reach the ODAC tournament. In fact, the forgettable 7-10 season has left the Tigers in an underdog role, as they were voted 9th in the preseason conference poll. A slew of freshmen join 15 returning players for the 2016 campaign with a mission to prove the critics wrong, and head coach Ian McMichael is back at the helm.

Coach McMichael will look to guide H-SC toward a winning season and a firm position within the ODAC. Of course, the ODAC is full of competitive schools, so the competition will be challenging, especially with rival Washington & Lee University picked as the preseason favorites.

The Tigers opened the season on September 1, on the road in Pennsylvania to take on Penn State Har-

risburg. The opening 45 minutes proved to be an offensive stalemate as the teams headed into halftime level at 0-0. The second half was a virtual repeat of the first, but H-SC delivered late in the game. Junior forward Ryan Turner (Raleigh, NC) put the Tigers in the lead with a 79th minute strike. Not long after Turner scored, freshman midfielder William Jackson tallied his first collegiate goal for H-SC, giving the Tigers a 2-0 lead in the 89th minute. The final whistle blew shortly after Jackson's goal, and H-SC had sealed its first victory of 2016. Senior goalkeeper Cameron McFarlane (Norwich, CT) picked up the clean sheet, saving the only Penn State Harrisburg shot on goal. Two Tigers were booked late in the second half for yellow card offenses: junior defenders Landon Moss (Huntersville, NC) and Thomas Carswell (Woodbridge, VA).

Three days passed and it was back to the pitch for the Tigers as they hosted the Stevenson University Mustangs on September 4 for a matinee match. A respectable crowd was treated to an entertaining affair as both teams played a highly physical opening 20 minutes. H-SC opened the scoring on William Jackson's second goal of the season: a 19-yard strike that evaded the Stevenson keeper in the 25th minute. The score would remain 1-0 H-SC by halftime. The second half did not yield another goal for a while. There were chances on both ends of the pitch, but H-SC controlled most of the game. With just under 10 minutes left in the match, Hampden-Sydney was awarded a penalty after a Tiger was taken down in the box. Senior midfielder Andrew Parker (Moseley, VA) stepped up to the spot and sealed the game with his first goal of the season

in the 86th minute. Stevenson could not muster a morale-boosting goal, and the match ended 2-0 H-SC. McFarlane picked up another clean sheet, this time with three saves. For the second consecutive match, two Tigers were booked for yellow card offenses: freshman forward Josh McCormack (Stafford, VA) in the 44th minute and Ryan Turner in the 50th minute.

The Tigers will carry this winning momentum on the road this weekend in matches against Washington College and Wesley College. The match against Washington College will take place on September 10 in Chestertown, Maryland, and the Wesley College match will be on the following day, September 11 in Dover, Delaware. H-SC will return to the Hill for a four-match home stand in mid-September.

Football Continued

Bender Vaught (Ashland, VA) led all Tigers with 11 tackles, including 4.5 tackles for loss, and 2 sacks. Freshmen linebacker Griffin Davis (Charlottesville, VA) added 9 tackles, 2.5 tackles for a loss, and a sack on the night. Sophomore cornerback Brian Gwaltney also added 7 tackles. The Tigers were not able to force a turnover from the Cougars, who played very clean offensively all day.

Hampden-Sydney will look to bounce back this Saturday, September 10th, as they host Christopher Newport University back in the friendly confines of Lewis C. Everett Stadium.



Senior Andrew Parker delivered the game-clinching penalty against Stevenson on September 4th. (Photo Credit: hscathletics.com)